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In re Application of

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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SIGNAL PATH IN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION
SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated April 5, 2006. Claims 1-3, 8-27 and 29 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 8-20 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,406,401 to Kremer. The Office Action also rejects claims 2 and 21-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kremer. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites that the second service signal path includes an add-drop & through path and supports a through path, an east-west add-drop & through path, and a west-east add-drop & through path. Independent claim 1 also recites the east-west add-drop & through path is configured to drop a path signal received from the east to a subscriber service